



USAID and IGAD work together to complement the efforts of the IGAD member states in security, environment, resilience, and economic development activities. Photo Credit: USAID

## EAST AFRICA

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is a body of eight member states: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda (Eritrea is currently inactive), and is based in Djibouti. Its mission is to assist and complement the efforts of its member states in areas of peace, security, agriculture, environment, economic cooperation, and social development.

Once IGAD became a Public International Organization, a Regional Development Objective Grant Agreement (RDOAG) was signed in June 2016. The five-year agreement focuses on shared development priorities to promote sustainable economic integration across the regional; improve systems to respond to development risks, such as those related to climate change, drought and violent extremism; and strengthen IGAD's organizational leadership. USAID currently supports three initiatives under IGAD, explained below.

#### **IGAD's Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative**

Mandated by the heads of the region in 2012, IGAD's Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) is IGAD's plan and commitment to end drought emergencies, build drought resilience and achieve growth and sustainable development in the IGAD region. In the past, the approaches used or advocated by governments, development partners and humanitarian agencies to respond to drought and related emergencies were in the form of humanitarian relief interventions, usually based on the action of individual Member States or international agencies. USAID's current support to IDDRSI aims at achieving two key outcomes:

- Increased cross-border agricultural trade
- Domesticating and utilizing regionally harmonized trade policies

## IGAD Center of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism

The IGAD Center of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) was established in 2016 and officially launched in May 2018. It is a regional center dedicated to preventing and countering the threats of violent extremism in Eastern Africa. It seeks to do this through strategic communication and alternative narratives, research, training and capacity building, community outreach, inter-state collaboration, and knowledge sharing on preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE). ICEPCVE is also charged with the responsibility of facilitating partnership building between governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), and other non-state actors. USAID's current support to the Center aims at achieving five key outcomes:

1. A network of youth and CSOs is established and strengthened in each of the IGAD Member States plus Tanzania, to act as champions to interrupt violent extremist organizations (VEOs).
2. Cooperation enhanced between state and non-state actors.
3. Alternative narratives to challenge violent extremist ideology developed using strategic communication manual.
4. Djibouti National Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Strategy finalized and validated.
5. A network of local P/CVE researchers is established and strengthened.

### USAID ASSISTANCE TO IGAD

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## IGAD Health and Social Affairs Desk

IGAD Health and Social Affairs Desk (HESAD) is committed to lead regional and international efforts towards accelerated access to basic services and enhance social development for the people of the IGAD region including reproductive, maternal/child health; nutrition and food security; HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB and other related infectious diseases and surveillance and response; education, science, technology; youth, employment and migration; social protection, culture and sports; as well as population and development. USAID's current support to the department aims at achieving five key outcomes:

- A system for pharmacovigilance and quality monitoring at IGAD cross-borders established.
- The capacity of local manufacturers in the IGAD region to produce essential medicines in the region strengthened.
- Regional cross-border TB diagnosis and management across borders strengthened
- Regional Cross-border RMNCAH-FP interventions improved.
- IGAD regional policies for vulnerable cross-border mobile populations strengthened.
- Cross Border Digital Health, Knowledge Management and Health research strengthened